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| Title of Invention:   | PROTECTIVE BOOT   |   |  |  |
| Applicant(s) for (DO/EO/US):  | Wolfgang WITTENBECHER                                       |   |  |  |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:  [X] 1. This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.  [] 2. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.  [] 3. This express request to begin national examination procedures [35 U.S.C. 371 (f)]. The submission must include items (5), (6), (9), and (21) indicated below.  [] 4. The US has been elected (Article 31).   |   |   |  |  |
| [X] 5. A copy of <b>Publication No. WO 2004/044446 27MAY04</b> the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)]  a) [X] is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b) [] has been communicated by the international Bureau. c) [] is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)  [X] 6. An English language translation of <b>Publication No. WO 2004/044446 27MAY04</b> the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)] a) [X] is attached hereto b) [] has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).  [] 7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)] a) [] are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b) [] have been communicated by the international Bureau. c) [] have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has <b>NOT</b> expired. d) [] have not been made and will not be made [] 8. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)] [X] 9. An EXECUTED Oath or declaration of the inventor(s) [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)] [] 10. An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)] |   |   |  |  |
| Items 11. to 20. Below concern other document(s) or information included:   |   |   |  |  |
| <ul> <li>[X] 11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98</li> <li>[X] 12. An Assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet (PTO-1595) in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li>[X] 13. A preliminary amendment</li> <li>[] 14. An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76</li> <li>[X] 15. A substitute specification with abstract (attached to the preliminary amendment)</li> <li>[] 16. A change of power of attorney and/or address letter</li> <li>[] 17. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 V+CFR1.821-1.825.</li> <li>[] 18. A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d)(4).</li> <li>[] 19. A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d)(4).</li> <li>[X] 20. (other items or information) Form: PCT/IB/ 308 27MAY04, PCT/ISA/220 and 210 26MAR04, PTO-1449 with 5 cited references.</li> </ul>  |   |   |  |  |
| I hereby certify that this corre  | licated above and is addressed to: Mail St<br>VA 22313 1450 | May 10, 2005  nited States Postal Service Express mail under op PCT, Commissioner For Patents,  uth Montalvo Date: May 10, 2005 |  |  |

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U.S. Application No. (if known, see 3 International Application No.: PCT/DE et No: GK-OEH-201 / 500814.20103 Attorney's Applicant use Office use only [X] 21. The following fees are submitted: [X] a) **BASIC NATIONAL FEE** \$ 300.00 300.00 [X] b) Examination fee \$ 200.00 \$ 200.00 [X] C) 500.00 500.00 Search fee \$ **TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS: \$ 1,000.00** \$1,000.00 Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets [] (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250.00 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof. Total sheets Extra sheets Number of each additional 50 or fraction Rate thereof (round up to a whole number. - 100 = /50 = X \$250.00 \$ Surcharge of \$ 130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 month from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) \$ Number Filed Number Extra Rate Total Claims: - 20 10 X \$ 50.00 \$ Independent Claims: X \$ 200.00 \$ MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) + \$ 360.00 \$ **TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS:** \$1,000.00 Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than [120 [130 months from the earliest claimed priority date [37 CFR 1.492(e)] **TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS:** \$1,000.00 [] Applicant claims Small Entity Status [See 37 CFR 1.27] Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity \$1,000.00 SUBTOTAL: Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English Translation later than [] 20 [] 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date [37 CFR 1.492(f)] **TOTAL NATIONAL FEE:** \$1,000.00 Fee for recording the enclosed assignment [37 CFR 1.21(h)] The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (PTO-1595) [37 CFR 3.28, 3.31].\$ 40.00 per property 40.00 TOTAL FEE(S): \$1,040.00 AMOUNT TO BE REFUNDED AMOUNT TO BE CHARGED (Please note the filing fee is based on the claims in the Preliminary Amendment) Check in the amount of \$ 1,040.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed. a) [X] b)[] Please charge my Deposit Account No 50-1529 in the amount of \$ .00 to cover the fee.. c) [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required with this submission or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No: 50-1529.) d)[] Fee are to be charged to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 36 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive [37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)] must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status. SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: Signature: Lloyd McAulay, Esq. Reed Smith LLP Attorney: Gerald H. Kiel (Customer No. 026418) 599 Lexington Avenue 25,116 Reg. No. 4 New York, NY 10022-7650 Date: May 10, 2005

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## **VERIFICATION OF A TRANSLATION**

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| PCT/DE2003/003722                     | _ is a true and complete translation of the above- |
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